AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims are now being presented on a separate sheet as required by 37 CFR 1.75(h) and

1.121.

What is claimed is:

1. (Original) A system comprising:

a workstation communicatively coupled to a network; and

a managed appliance communicatively coupled to the network;

wherein the workstation operatively initiates a management session with the managed

appliance by establishing a secure sockets layer connection with the appliance and then issuing

a login request to the managed appliance, and

wherein the transmission of SNMP commands occurs over the secure sockets layer

connection by using a secure sockets layer communication method.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the login request is a message that

includes a user name and a password corresponding to a workstation user.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the managed appliance responds to the

login request by transmitting a login reply across the network.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the login reply is a message that

includes status data reflecting the status of the login request.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein, during the management session, the

workstation requests object identifier data from the managed appliance.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the managed appliance transmits object

identifier data to the workstation.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein, during the management session, the

workstation sets the value of an object identifier in the managed appliance.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein, during the management session, the

workstation writes a file to the managed appliance.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the workstation transmits a request message to the managed appliance containing a name of the file and a size of the file.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the managed appliance transmits a reply message to the workstation in response to the request message.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein, during the management session, the workstation reads a file from the managed appliance.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein workstation transmits to the managed appliance an identification of a name of the file to be read.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the managed appliance transmits blocks of data comprising the file to the workstation, said blocks of data being transmitted one at a time.

14. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the workstation transmits a broadcast message to the managed appliance.